



COACCC NEWS

*Official newsletter for the City of Austin's annual Combined Charities Campaign
Campaign runs Oct. 1 through Oct. 31*

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS & EVENTS!

We are almost a week in to the 2019 Combined Charities Campaign. We are so excited to share all the great events and participation from our fellow City Departments.

Please share your upcoming events and pictures of your past events with us!

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As always, participating in COACCC or any corresponding events is strictly optional. Employees are encouraged to participate, but in no way required.

Check department stats [here](#).

WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE:

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GOAL: \$500,000



**\$38,638.00
as of 10/4/19**

**Meet our 4 trophies
this year!**



**LARGE DEPARTMENTS
500 EMPLOYEES OR MORE
MEDIUM DEPARTMENTS
200-499 EMPLOYEES
SMALL DEPARTMENTS
100-199 EMPLOYEES
VERY SMALL DEPARTMENTS
99 EMPLOYEES OR LESS**

BRAVO!

COACCC Coordinators kicked off the campaign this year and had a lot of fun engaging everyone. Here are some awesome examples of what happened:

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works kicked off with an email to all employees from our Director and a presentation from an Assistant Director at a supervisor meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development launched the campaign with breakfast tacos and then did a ribbon cutting for the snack shack. The ribbon cutter earned the prize by answering some riddles the fastest.



PLANNING & ZONING

Planning and Zoning hung posters around the office, sent a kick-off e-mail to department staff, and installed the campaign “thermometer” on the wall of the break room. Managers committed to buy breakfast tacos for the department when they reach their department fundraising goal.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Municipal Court held a bake sale to raise money and has many more food events lined up for this month. They are also inviting APD Staff and DACC staff to partake.

Mayor and Council are back on with the “Adjourn for a Cause” guessing games this year. Employees can make \$1 guesses for when the City Council meeting will end –closest guess (without going over) gets to pick the charity that all donations go to – and notoriety! We’ll be playing at every Council meeting this month!

Coordinator's Corner

If you're new to COACCC, or wanting to start off your campaign with a splash, an easy, proven way to engage your coworkers is by using humans.

That's right. Events are fun, and make for great photos and memories, but if you're still working up that perfect idea, have a speaker from one of our more than 400 organizations come talk to your department.

Being able to hear directly from people involved in the causes so near and dear to our hearts puts a face to their donation. The uplifting stories about the help every dollar provides is further incentive for your coworkers.

Asking for a speaker is as easy as filling out this **online form** (also found under Speaker Request Form in Resources). It can take time to schedule the speakers, so we ask that you submit the request at least a week in advance.

And if you're still looking for ideas for your event, check out the COACCC website! We have several to choose from.

Message from the 2019 Committee

Greetings, City Employees!

This week we kicked off our annual Combined Charities Campaign. Every year, we take this opportunity to contribute to over 400 charities. Our goal this year is \$500,000. Corrie Stokes, City Auditor, is the Steering Committee Chair, Roosevelt Weeks, Library Director, is a co-Chair, and Olga Ovcharenko is a Citywide Coordinator. Expect emails from them and feel free to reach out to them with any questions.

Our main tool to contribute continues to be an **online pledging tool**. You can get to it through City's intranet and use your employee ID to log in. Paper forms are also available for pledging. Individual direct contributions and contributions to special events could be done through paper forms and should be submitted to your department coordinator.

Special events to raise money is a fun part of the campaign that helps us strengthen our organization's culture of giving and helping as well as build stronger teams with people we already work with. We've done many food events, silent auctions, athletic events, and trivia-like events. We have also had Directors motivate their staff by dancing in elaborate costumes, diving in dunk tanks, and getting pies in their faces.

To further encourage the enthusiasm and creativity of our staff, the dancing dinos are coming back and bringing 4 T-Rex trophies with them. T-Rex trophies will be visiting the departments with the highest participation percentage every week. There will be 4 categories by size, hence 4 trophies.

We've already had a strong start and collected **\$38,638** in the first few days of the campaign. We have the rest of the month to meet and exceed our goals and have a lot of fun while doing it!

Reminders to follow the rules around expressing your kindness

- Participation is encouraged, but not required.
- Food permits are needed for food events where temperature needs to be controlled.
- Cash handling training is available through Train.

More details available on the website

